

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of communicating dietary information between a user and a database comprising:

storing dietary information on a database;

searching the dietary information database to identify specific dietary information meeting user criteria;

manipulating the information to provide a table of dietary information; and transmitting specific dietary information from said table of dietary information accessible to the user from the database; and

transmitting user assessments of the dietary information to the dietary information database for access by future users.

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2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein manipulating the information further comprises evaluating the interaction between the dietary information and medication information; and said table of information includes drug/food contraindications.

4. (currently amended) An apparatus communicating dietary information between a user and a database comprising:

a data network;
a plurality of databases operably connected to said data network; and
a computer operably connected to said plurality of databases via said data
network, said computer having a storage area, wherein said computer searches said
plurality of databases to identify information relating to a plurality of factors as
specified by a user of said computer, said databases transmit said identified
information to said storage area of said computer via said data network, and said
computer manipulates said transmitted information to provide a summary of
appropriate dietary information based on said plurality of factors;

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wherein said plurality of factors include anthropometric, metabolic, life stage,
and dietary prescription data.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said server computer transmits a
location in said storage area containing said dietary information to said user
computer.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said storage area comprises a
personal data question template.

7. (currently amended) In a system for communicating dietary information between
a user and a database, a computer-readable memory for storing data for access by
an application program comprising:

a data structure stored in said computer-readable memory, said data structure including information used by said application program and including:

 a plurality of personal data fields;

 a plurality of anthropometrics fields;

 a plurality of special metabolic needs fields;

 a plurality of food preferences fields;

 a plurality of health status fields;

 a plurality of food allergies fields;

 a plurality of life stage fields;

 a plurality of dietary prescription fields;

 a plurality of cooking complexity fields;

 wherein said fields have values and said application program

 determines a menu plan for a user based on the manipulation of

 said plurality of fields by employing a nutritional and

 medication databases to access information based on nutrition

and drug/food contraindications.

8. (cancelled).

9. (currently amended) The data structure of said computer-readable memory of
claim 7 further comprising a plurality of evaluation fields to permit evaluation of
said application program by said user.

10. (original) The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 7 further comprising an address field for sending the user an address location of said dietary information fields.

11. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises anthropometric data.

12. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises metabolic data.

13. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises food preferences data.

14. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises health status data.

15. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises food allergies data.

16. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises life stage data.

17. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises dietary prescription data.

18. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said user criteria comprises cooking complexity data.

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19. (new) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said user criteria comprises food preferences data.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said user criteria comprises health status data.

21. (new) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said user criteria comprises food allergies data.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said user criteria comprises cooking complexity data.